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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. Trade sentiment was unsettled entering the weekend and ranged mostly barely steady to weak. Demand was usually light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to at times ample for the fair to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal. Spent hens were sufficient to ample for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents lower for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with extra large, large, and medium in the weaker positions. Retail and food service demand was usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample with extra large, large, and medium the most available.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51	LARGE	18-27	22	
LARGE	43-53	44-47	MEDIUM	8-14	12	
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	6-10		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was unsettled entering the weekend and ranged barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to readily available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to instances ample for normal processing schedules. Demand was reported as fair. Spent hens were adequate to ample for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-68	54-57
LARGE	47-61	52-56
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged but were trending lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with extra large, large, and medium in the weaker positions. Retail and food service demand was usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample with extra large, large, and medium the most available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was light to instances moderate for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. Demand was light to instances moderate entering the weekend. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to occasionally ample for the fair, but unaggressive demand. Offerings of light type hen were adequate to ample for normal to heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.25-59	53-56
LARGE	46.25-57	51-54
MEDIUM	35.25-46	39-43

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged when compared to yesterday's report. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	41-45

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	53-57
LARGE	50-59	51-53
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large, 8-9 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large, 9 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to only fair. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 54. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free, 20 pack 3 for \$5, medium brown 20 pack 129.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	104
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	74

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	78-93
EXTRA LARGE	76-85
LARGE	74-77
MEDIUM	61-64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-189

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were adequate with demand light to instances moderate. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-27	27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were lower when compared to early week trading. Demand was fair, however traders were unaggressive and continued to monitor further market developments. Supplies were fully adequate to instances ample for normal processing schedules. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak. Cases broken under federal inspection for the week ending April 30, 2005 were 9 percent less than last week and 8 percent less than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	27-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-20	14-18
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 30-APR-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,290,482	31,053	12,550	6,571	2,539	4,546
PW	1,313,882	31,850	12,597	6,829	2,371	4,300
LY	1,268,826	30,493	12,381	6,675	3,218	4,295
% CHG PW	-2	-3	0	-4	7	6
% CHG LY	2	2	1	-2	-21	6
2005	21,574,545	514,984	211,293	113,175	46,924	74,883
2004	20,115,472	478,767	192,638	106,872	44,309	70,081
% CHG YTD	7	8	10	6	6	7

	AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
		42.40	42.30	42.44
	(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.88	39.03	39.05

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 46 to 49 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg, weak for whites, and mostly steady for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites with yolk offerings closely balanced. Demand was fair and reported as somewhat quiet by the week's end for all liquid products. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	22	25-28	26.88	-.79
WHITES	19	14-17	15.61	-1.89
YOLKS	14	50.5-54	51.89	.33

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg, whites, and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with sugared yolk ranging irregular. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg, weak for whites and mostly steady for frozen yolk products. Offerings were adequate or available for all products and generally made to order. Demand was fairly good for whole egg and sugared yolk and fair on the balance. Central States breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	36-40	36-38
WHITES	34-38	36-37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-60	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	54-56

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were higher on salt yolks, unchanged to higher on sugar yolks, unchanged on whole, and lower on whites. Buyers interest was fair but usually reported as slow. Supplies and offerings were adequate for most trade needs, although yolks were and remain in the best position. Trade sentiment was unsettled on whites, about steady on whole and reported as at least steady on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-Apr-2005 were 13% less than last week, and 6% lower than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	35-41	36-39	43-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-80
WHITES	31-39	33-36	39-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-60	55-60	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-60	54-57	56-65

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents lower on whole, 1 cent lower on whites, and 2 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/30 was 11% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	42-45
WHITES	39-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to lower on albumen and whole when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair with offerings of yolks limited. The undertone was about steady to steady on whole, steady to occasionally firm on yolks, and unsettled on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Apr-2005 were 7% higher than the previous week, but 21% less than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 6% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.25-1.55	MOSTLY	1.33-1.40
YOLKS	1.30-1.50	MOSTLY	1.38-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.19-2.35	MOSTLY	2.24-2.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.65	MOSTLY	1.25-1.40

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 29, 2005-MAY 05, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 90.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 57.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 147.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	30.33	—	27.00	31.50	—	—	8.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	39.00	44.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	37.00	—	47.17	48.33	35.92	—	7.25
GL W XL	—	39.00	41.83	43.66	31.68	—	31.25
GL W LG	—	35.73	34.50	36.00	31.18	—	20.25
GL W MD	33.00	—	28.55	29.00	22.29	25.00	11.00
GL W SM	25.00	28.00	23.00	26.21	22.00	23.50	12.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	24.17	30.92	—	31.00	25.17	28.43	32.25
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	24.67	7.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	23.00	25.00	8.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	48.47	4.25
GL W XL	36.00	44.00	—	—	—	43.45	14.75
GL W LG	27.50	35.50	—	—	—	41.93	16.75
GL W MD	19.58	—	19.75	—	—	27.87	12.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to fairly good for current trade needs. Offerings of spent hens ranged adequate to ample. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light for sufficient offerings of light hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady on salvage values.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged to lower with majority prices higher as more spent hens were received by rendering operations. Demand was fairly good while offerings were adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-8.5	7-8

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate to full. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

MAY 6, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.50	54.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	54.50	52.50	41.00
MIDWEST	48.00	45.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	58.50	54.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	54.32	51.73	40.09

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; at least adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-30 MAJORITY 26-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 30-APR-05
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,715	1,437	3,152
Last Week	1,651	1,466	3,117
Same week yr ago	1,299	1,385	2,684
To-date/2005	26,095	22,726	48,821
To-date/2004	22,057	21,605	43,662

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	289	0	289
Last Week	232	0	232
Same week yr ago	277	0	277
To-date/2005	4,944	18	4,962
To-date/2004	4,194	52	4,246

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	2,004	1,437	3,441
Last Week	1,883	1,466	3,349
Same week yr ago	1,576	1,385	2,961
To-date/2005	31,039	22,744	53,783
To-date/2004	26,251	21,657	47,908

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 23, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	405	294	4,109	2,656
Frozen	0	0	21	0
Dried	0	0	107	187
Total	405	294	4,237	2,843

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 23, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	84	35	2,228	1,241
Frozen	3	16	327	612
Dried	24	78	340	1,129
Total	111	129	2,895	2,982

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 23, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	1,500	960	9,852	7,920
Large	1,350	3,930	24,143	18,843
Medium	1,425	2,070	19,560	17,610
Ungraded	10,200	23,122	34,700	60,739
Misc	0	2,580	2,263	9,620
Total	14,475	32,662	90,551	114,782

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	05/02/05	3,407	112,518	48,154
AM	04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG		-43	10852	-1702
PCT CHG		-1%	11%	-3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 31, 2005 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2005 are:

FROZEN EGGS	18 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	494 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	649 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 30-Apr-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	240.8	-1	4
East North Central	539.2	-3	3
West North Central	260.6	-6	-5
South Atlantic	199	1	-2
South Central	61.3	3	-12
West	201.4	-5	22
Total	1502.3	-3	0

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 30-Apr-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	Percent Change LW	LY
Atlanta	25.3	23.4	8	4
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	6
Chicago	65.0	62.4	4	13
Detroit	29.5	21.5	37	26
Kansas City	2.3	8.5	-73	-38
Los Angeles	101.3	121.2	-16	12
New Orleans	6.0	7.1	-15	-38
New York	31.2	30.3	3	1
St. Louis	15.8	15.6	1	-3
San Francisco	17.4	18.3	-5	-14
Total	297.1	311.4	-5	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	305.7			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

May 3, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	98	96	73	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	90-94	88-92	65-69	39-43
MOSTLY	92-93	90-91	67-68	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	97-101	95-99	72-76	45-49
MOSTLY	97	95	72	45
VERMONT	98-100	96-97	73-75	-
MOSTLY	98	96	73	-

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 9 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 155 million dozen during February 2005, up 9 percent from February a year ago.

February 2005 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as February 2004. February 2004 was a leap year with the 29th being a Sunday.

During calendar year 2005, shell eggs broken totaled 315 million dozen, up 9 percent from the 288 million dozen broken in 2004. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2005 was 408 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2004.

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